

National University of Ireland, Maynooth

Guidelines on IP Ownership for Research Collaborations and Contracts

The table below is a guide to how IP ownership and access rights are generally distributed under different forms of research contracts. The University maintains templates on all these contract variants.

FUNDING MODEL	100% Company / Private Entity Funding		Joint Private & Public Funding	100% Public Funding
RESEARCH DETAILS	(A) Company directs research Company project manages NUIM provide facilities NUIM provides some skills	(B) Jointly direct research NUIM adds know-how NUIM adds background IP	Jointly directed research NUIM adds know-how NUIM adds background IP Company adds background IP	NUIM directs research
IP OWNERSHIP	Company owns all IP	Inventor's employer owns IP Joint inventions are jointly owned	Inventor's employer owns IP Joint inventions are jointly owned	NUIM owns all IP
IP ACCESS	NUIM may have IP access rights for research purposes	Company gets non-exclusive, royalty free access to NUIM foreground IP	Company gets first option to negotiate license to NUIM foreground IP	IP commercialised via licensing
Company Investment	€ + Data	€ + Data	€	-
Company Return-on-Investment	Solution	Solution	Solution	-
Public Investment	-	Skills, IP, know-how, facilities	€, Skills, IP, know-how, facilities	€
Public Return-on-Investment	-	€ + new IP	€ + new IP	€, Knowledge



NUI MAYNOOTH
Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad